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Application No: 10/761,343
Attorney's Docket No: ALC 3113**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Claim 13 is withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 2 are independent. Claims 1, 2 and 5-10 are amended.

In section 2 on page 2, the Office Action objects to claims 2-12 for the specified informalities. Examiner Nguyen and Primary Examiner Dinh are thanked for the personal interview on August 30, 2007. Examiner Nguyen and Primary Examiner Dinh are further thanked for confirming during the personal interview that the proposed amendments to the claims overcome the objection to the claims specified in the Office Action. Examiner Nguyen and Primary Examiner Dinh are further thanked for memorializing this agreement in the Interview Summary. The claims are amended exactly as proposed during the August 30, 2007, personal interview. For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claims 2-12 be withdrawn.

In section 4 on pages 3-5, the Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Examiner Nguyen and Primary Examiner Dinh are thanked for the personal interview on August 30, 2007. Examiner Nguyen and Primary Examiner Dinh are further thanked for agreeing during the personal interview that the proposed amendments to the claims overcome this rejection. The claims are amended exactly as proposed during the personal interview on August 30, 2007.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C §112, 2nd paragraph, be withdrawn.

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In section 6 on pages 6-8, the Office Action rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0043560 to Clarkson et al. (hereinafter "Clarkson"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, in combination with other subject matter recited therein, "respective shared vias." Similarly, claim 2, from which claims 3 and 4 depend, recites, "shared vias."

It is respectfully submitted that Clarkson does not disclose, teach or suggest, shared vias according to the combinations recited in independent claims 1 and 2. Examiner Nguyen and Primary Examiner Dinh are thanked for agreeing during the personal interview held on August 30, 2007, that the disclosure in Clarkson relied upon in the rejection with respect to the recitations in the rejected claims of shared vias does not anticipated that subject matter. Examiner Nguyen and Primary Examiner Dinh are further thanked for agreeing to therefore reconsider the disclosure of Clarkson with respect to the rejected claims. Examiner Nguyen and Primary Examiner Dinh are also thanked for memorializing this agreement in the Interview Summary.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-4 as allegedly being anticipated by Clarkson be withdrawn.

In section 8 on pages 8-9, the Office Action rejects claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Clarkson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 11 and 12 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claim 3 for the reasons stated above in connection with the rejection of claim 3.

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For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 11 and 12 as allegedly being unpatentable over Clarkson be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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